Slow implement of rural development projects in Himachal Pradesh

1588. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether slow implemenation ofrural development project in Himachal Pradesh is being experienced by the Central Government despite allocation of adequate funds;

(b) if so, what is the cause of slow progess of rural development projects in the State;

(c) what are the suggfestions made by the Union Government to the State Government to implement the rural development schemes vigorously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)): (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c)The Ministry of Rural Development have advised all the States , including Himachal Pradesh, to vigorously implement the rural development Scheme and claim full allocations from the Ministry. The Ministry have also advised them to implement the four-pronged strategy comprising (i) creation of awareness about the Programmes, (ii) transparency in the implementation of the programmes, (iii) Peoples partnership and (iv) social audit through the Gram Sabhas at village level for better implementation of these Programmes.

Upper ceiling of Income of BPL familes

1589. SHRI JIBON RAY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the present upper ceiling limit of annual imcome of a B.P.L. family was fixes;

(b) what was the consumer price index at that vis-a-vis at present; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the ceiling limit?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The cut off level of income to determine the families living below the poverty line (BPL) in rural areas is fixed by the Planning Commission at Rs. 327.56 per capita per month based on the Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers for the year 1999-2000. The cut off level is periodically estimated using the original State specific poverty lines identified by the Lakdawala Committee and updating them using the Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers for rural households. The Consumer Price Index Number for Agricultural Labourers is estimated at 311 in December, 1999 and also at 311 in May, 2002.

Funds allocated to UP under IAY

†1590. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to various districts of Uttar Pradesh under Indira Awas Yojana during the period 1999-2000 and 2001-2002;

(b) what is the district-wise number of houses constructed, total amount spent and the amount remained unused under the above scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated under Indira Awas Yojana are being misused in Azamgarh, Mau, Saharanpur and Muzaffarnagar districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure proper use of entire funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) The District-wise funds allocated, number of houses constructed, amount utilized and the amount remained unutilized under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) for Uttar Pradesh during 1999-2000 and 2001-2002 respectively in Statement I and II (*See* below).

(c) No misutilization of funds under the IAY has been reported to the Ministry in respect of the Districts of Azamgarh, Mau, Saharanpur and Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh.

(d) and (e) In view of (c) above, Question does not arise.

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